

# IDENTIFICATION OF APPLESNAILS (*POMACEA*) IN U.S. WATERS

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**Spike-top Applesnail**  
*Pomacea bridgesi*

**Channeled Applesnail**  
*Pomacea canaliculata*

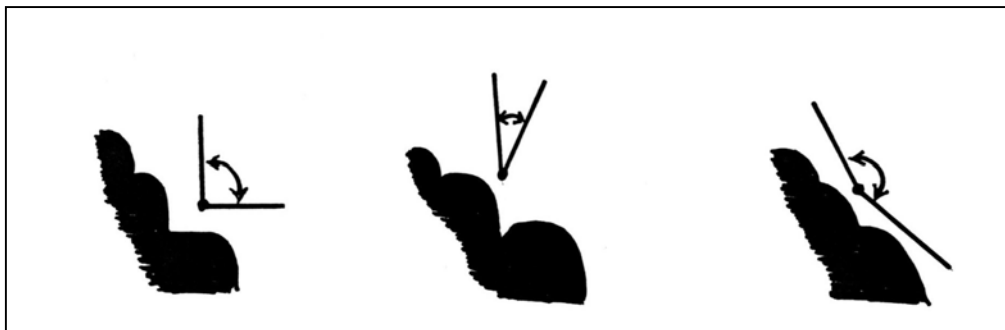
**Florida Applesnail**  
*Pomacea paludosa*

**IDENTIFICATION TRAITS:** Shape of whorls, sometimes size, spire elevation; but never color.

**Spike-top applesnail** – Whorls have rather square shoulders that are flat on top; usually less than 50 mm shell height; spire pointed and elevated.

**Channeled applesnail** – Whorls rounded or with weak shoulders, channeled between whorls, occasionally with a ridge along the outer channel edge; very large, to more than 80 mm shell height; spire moderately elevated.

**Florida applesnail** – Whorls with rounded or very weak shoulders; to 60 mm shell height or more; spire depressed, not elevated.



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